

AUTUMNAL FOLIAGE.

You are coming, autumn, soonest known,
You are coming bright and gay,
We are sending you the frosty night,
As with the frosty day.

Yester evening by the hill-side,
And in the quiet glen;
And in the forest fair and wide,
And round the houses of men.

With various tints the foliage falls,
Of amber, brown and gold;
And fairy red, and purple dark,
And orange we behold.

Most beautiful is the robe ye wear,
Beauties, but ah, how brief!
Its golden boughs plainly say,
"Soon falls the fading leaf."

And summer's flower day has fled,
Sweet summer, full of song;
Its fragrant air and verdant lawns
Now to the past belong.

The leaf rejoices in its death,
And wears a garment gay;

Why then should man shrink at the bough?
Is he less wise than they?

They, through the lightnings summer day,
Have well performed their part;

Have sheltered man and beast
And gladdened every heart.

Now that their hour of death has come,
They shine in rainbow light;

Amid the tall dark evergreens
They gleam a splendid sight.

So when the pure and virtuous soul
Is summoned earth to fly,

Serene and radiant is the light
Which fills that heavenly eye.

For earthly duties well performed,
And earthly trials borne;

And earthly joys received,
At death why should we mourn?

Fair blooms the rose in mother earth,
But fairer far in heaven;

Pleasant our sun's morning ray,
But to the good is given.

A city fair which need no need
Of sun, or moon, or star:

Light by the blessed Lamb of God,
In beauty more than fair.

From the Philadelphia North American.

Averages of Crops in the Western States.

By Wm. GOODRICH & Co.

Ohio, October, 1854.

From a letter dated Cincinnati, Oct. 14th, we make the following extract of items:—Money matters extremely "tight" exchange on New York 1½ per cent.—Weather here clear and pleasant, and the city healthy. Returns from other countries than those already cited, confirm the fact of the general failure of the crops in this State.

ILLINOIS, September, 1854.

The gist of all that it may be important to our merchants to know concerning the crops, prospects, &c., in this State, is to be found in the annexed selected returns from the several counties named; other information corresponds.

Coles Co.—Wheat, an average crop, worth \$1 20 a bushel. Corn, about one-half a crop, worth 40 cents a bushel.—Oats, a good crop, selling at 25 cents per bushel. Hay, a first rate yield, selling at \$5 a ton. Barley, none raised.—Rye, very little cultivated. Potatoes, almost a total failure.

Clark Co.—Wheat, an average crop, worth \$1 20 a bushel. Corn, about one-half a crop, worth 40 cents a bushel.—Oats, a good crop, worth 25 cents a bushel. Barley and Rye, but little raised.—Hay, a good crop, worth \$6 a ton. Potatoes, not half an average crop.

Champagne Co.—Wheat, full average crops. Corn, much injured by drought; about one-half a crop. Oats, very good; a full average yield. Barley and Rye, none raised. Potatoes, not half an average crop.

Crawford Co.—Wheat, an average crop. Corn, half a crop. Oats, an average crop. Barley, none cultivated. Rye, not quite an average crop. Hay, rather over an average crop. Potatoes, scarce, likely any; not more than one tenth the usual crop. There is a good prospect for white oak "mash" this year, which will, in some measure, answer to fatten hogs, and remedy the failure generally of the corn crop.

Macoupin Co.—This coming season will be a pretty hard one on all the country merchants, because of the failure of the Corn crops, upon which grain the farmers so much depend in this section of the State—they will find it very difficult to meet their liabilities at the store, and consequently their creditors will hardly be able to discharge their obligations.

Threewell Co.—The traders in this country are generally doing well. The Wheat crop, however, has failed, which will in some measure hinder the fall and winter collections.

Vermillion Co.—Wheat, below an average yield. Corn, quite poor, not over one-half a crop. Oats, very fine, a large yield. Barley and Rye, none or very little cultivated. Hay, a most excellent crop. Potatoes, none at all, a perfect failure.

TENNESSEE, September, 1854.

Blount Co.—Corn, a fair average crop. Oats, a good crop. Wheat, considered a good crop. The other crops in the same ratio, with the exception of Potatoes, which have failed.

Fayette Co.—There has been a total failure of all the crops generally in this county; parching weather all summer has ruined the harvests. Farmers have raised hardly enough Wheat and Corn for the wants of their own families.

Hardin Co.—A severe drought has been of great injury to the crops of this county. Farmers have made no surplus produce, and it is more than probable that they will not have enough for their own consumption. The dry weather has extended generally over the entire State. There is but little money in the country, and but little means to bring any in.

Knox Co.—Wheat, a very fair and generally good crop. Corn, considered a good crop. Oats, good in all parts of the county. There has been a failure of Potatoes but hay has yielded well.

Morgan Co.—Wheat, a good crop. Corn, a fair average yield. Oats, as good a crop as usual. All the crops have fallen off but little from the ordinary average.

St. John Co.—Wheat, a good crop. Corn, an average crop. Oats, very good indeed. Other crops are fair.

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Mississippi.—In this State times promise to be decidedly "hard." Cotton crops are very poor generally—in some of the river counties they will be fair—but there has been a sufficient quantity of Corn raised in North Mississippi to supply all the demands of the other districts.

In Hawambe county there is a good deal of suing in the Courts by foreign merchants. U. S. District Court opens on the first Monday in December. Times are indeed quite equally—good, bad, indifferent, all are sued alike; there is a general rush for who may get a judgement first.

Alabama.—There is a general panic throughout the whole of North Alabama, and merchants selling there should make all bargains carefully, or they will be likely to lose money.

In the Southern part of the State, Mobile particularly, there promises to be a Fall and Winter business; the merchants, at least those who have been several years in trade, are deemed safe for contracts; almost all of them live much more economically than was their wont ten years ago.

The city of Mobile remains quite healthy, probably more so than any other city in the Union; the physicians who predict the sickness in July, declare no danger of an epidemic.

Georgia.—There are hard times in this State, especially in Richmond county, and it is yet difficult to predict the result.—Some of the paper of some of the merchants in Augusta has been protested for non-payment, and nearly all the parties are out of town; it is to be hoped they will be enabled to meet their liabilities in a few days.

Virginia.—In Wood county, business is dull at present, owing to the low water in the Ohio river. The crops in this State show a fair average.

Texas.—Especially in and about Anderson Co., there is a great pressure in the financial market; greater than ever before, and more suits in court than there has been before in three years altogether.

Arkansas.—A letter from Hempstead county contains the prediction, that the coming business year will be a hard and pressing one. Crops are very light throughout the State, and the merchants in the above county have sold large quantities of goods during the past four months, on credit and in every other way, to any and everybody. It must be difficult for them to meet their outstanding liabilities, as most of them have no extra capital, and depend altogether upon their collections for the payment of their debts abroad.

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